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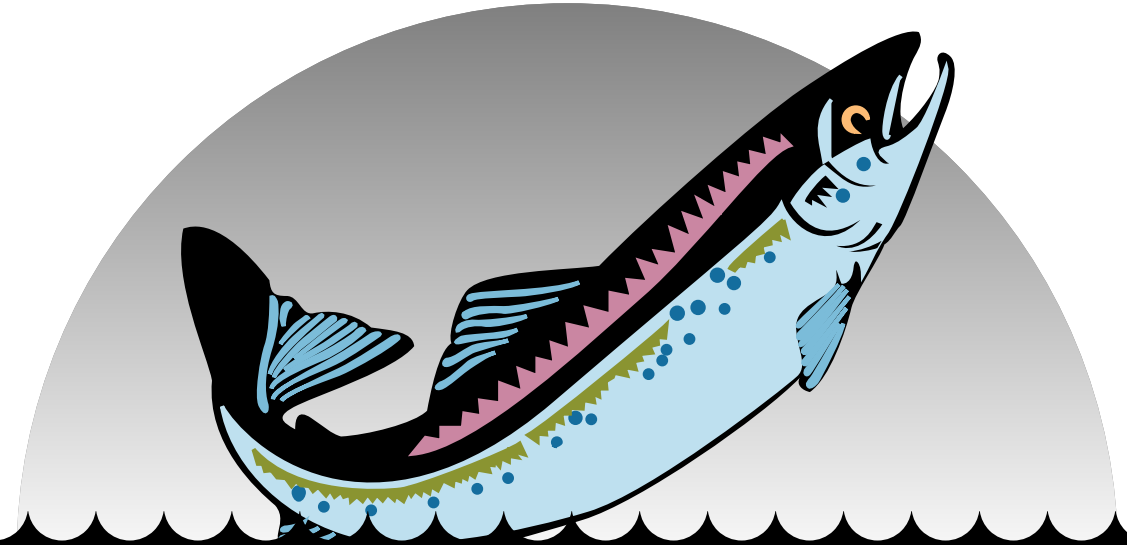
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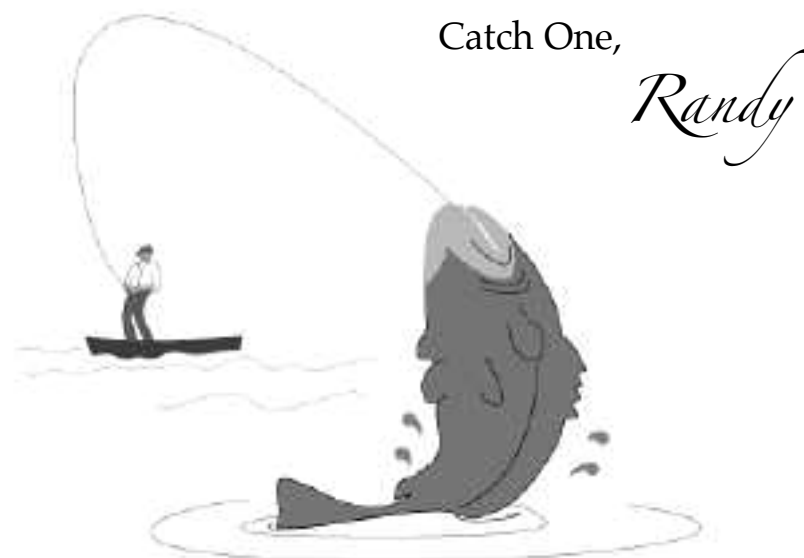
From Randy's Desk . . .

As we head into fall, we have many tasks in front of us. Currently we are in the process of revising our chapter bylaws to comply with the bylaws of State Council.

There is a summary of those changes in this issue. As a timetable becomes clear, we will announce the meetings where these changes will be read and finally approved. The banquet committee will kick off meetings in October. Currently we are selling our Twelve Days of Christmas tickets which help to raise money for prizes for the banquet.

There is also an article about that in this issue. We will soon be planning our winter fly tying classes and will need volunteers for these classes. New officers and board members will begin to serve their new terms on October 1st. We are always busy trying to improve our chapter.

There will be a lot of fine fishing yet to be had. Olives will appear on cloudy days to provide a bit of fine dry fly fishing. Steelhead will be running up Erie and New York Streams. Don't forget that fly tying will be ramping up. Tie a nice set of flies for our spring banquet. Help out where you can. Get involved!



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Mountain Laurel Chapter, Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Gander Mountain Store in the old Wal-Mart store building beside the Galleria Mall at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted in this newsletter. Board meetings are held on the Thursday before the regular meeting date at the Gander Mountain Store at 7:00 PM.

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Membership Application and Renewals

If you are already a member of the chapter, you will receive a renewal notice in the mail. You may renew by check, credit card, or online at www.tu.org. If you are not a member, Go to www.tu.org to apply. We will not have application forms any more. New memberships will be handled at the national website.

Regular Membership\$35

Family Membership\$50

All other types of memberships will be listed on the TU website.



Natural Thoughts . . .



Early fall has begun to paint the landscape in the brilliant colors of autumn. Falling leaves litter neatly mowed yards. Here and there colorful marigolds still dot flowerbeds, waiting for the coming frosts. Only root crops remain in vegetable gardens, their leaves chewed on by insects. Piles of bright orange pumpkins attract us to roadside stands, as well as yellow gourds, Indian corn, walnuts and hickory nuts, and the tart aroma of fresh apple cider. Orchards are selling apples in many varieties for apple lovers and bakers of all descriptions. It is a time of richness and beauty. The midday sun still warms us sufficiently, though the nights are cool and crisp. It is a time for hearty soups and stews, apple pie and pumpkin pie, hot coffee and hot chocolate. Everyone feels alive and invigorated. The steamy days of August are gone. Unfortunately, late fall will find all of this gone leaving us to contemplate a long dreary winter.

Terrestrial fishing is wrapping up, but the late hatch of olives will still bring the trout to the top. Flies that haven't worked for three months will begin to become effective again. Rainbows can be caught on bright egg patterns behind the redds of spawning browns. In the headwaters, male brook trout gleam like jewels as they spawn. A large streamer may tempt larger trout. All trout will be looking to put on weight before winter. In the forest, the white tailed buck is busy polishing his antlers for the coming rut. Squirrels are hoarding nuts for the winter. Family groups of wild turkey roam the woods snatching insects and acorns. Here and there a gaudy ring neck pheasant peeks his head out of the brush at the edge of a field. It is a time of plenty to be followed by a time of deprivation.

Enjoy the season while it is here.

Gary Cooper

Chapter News and Notes:

The chapter completed its project on the Little Conemaugh River. Many TU volunteers were present on August 29th and the work was completed quickly. Steve Cooney lead the effort.

We are still waiting for permits for Bens Creek and Yellow Creek. If one or both arrive, work will proceed.

All members are encouraged to seek prize sponsors or prizes for the upcoming spring banquet. If you tie flies, You can tie a set for the banquet. You know a lot of people, so go out and ask for their help. Let's make this banquet another huge success.

The officers and board members of the chapter wish you all a bountiful Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas.

Twelve Days Tickets on Sale

Each year our preparations for the spring fund-raising banquet begin in September with the sale of our Twelve Days of Christmas tickets. These tickets raise money which we use to buy prizes for our banquet. Each ticket is a great deal. For five dollars you get two numbers which gives you a chance at one hundred dollars for twelve consecutive days (December 1st thru the 12th 2011). Winners are based on the three digit number drawn at 7:00 in the Pennsylvania Lottery Daily Number drawing. Some of you may receive tickets to sell. All of you can purchase a ticket at meetings or by contacting Randy Buchanan at 467-4034. We need to sell all five hundred tickets so that we can have a nice selection of prizes at our banquet. Buy or sell your tickets now



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Dear Member,

The chapter needs to revise its current bylaws. Most changes are being implemented to comply with language in the state council bylaws. Due to the current bylaws, the chapter is mandated to notify you of the discussion to amend the bylaws at three regular meetings which will be announced. These meetings will take place at the Gander Mountain store in Richland Township.

The summary of changes regarding the bylaws are as follows:

Article I - replaces previous Article I

Article II - replaces previous Article II

All previous articles will now be two numbers higher due to the insertion of the new Articles I and II.

Article I, Section 1 - name change

Article III, Section 1 - time change

Article IV, Section 1 - language added - "term of one year"

Article IV, Section 1b - change to term of office to comply with state bylaws

Article IV, Section 1c - Formerly section 1b

Article IV, Section 2 - wording to comply with state bylaws

Article IV, Section 3 - wording to comply with state bylaws

Article V, Section 4f - added Section f to comply with state and national bylaws

Article V - added section 5

Article VI, Sections a and b - transposed Sections a and b

Article VII, Section 1 - changes to reflect the addition of electronic media

Article VII, Section 1b - new publication (website)

Article VII, Section c - change to number of issues

Article VII - added section d

Article IX, Section 1j - change to comply with state bylaws

Article IX, Section 1K - change to comply with state bylaws

Article XII - changes in language to reflect the current status of committees

Article XII - added section f

All members can review the complete set of bylaws for the Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Inc. on the chapter's website, www.mltu.org. Written copies are available upon request from the club secretary. If you have any questions concerning the bylaw revisions, you may call Randy Buchanan at 814-467-4034.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Regular Chapter Meetings

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Tuesday, January 10, 2011

Monthly Chapter meetings are held at the lodge at the Gander Mountain Store in Richland Township at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Director's Meetings

Board of Director's meetings are held at the lodge at the Gander Mountain Store in Richland Township at 6:30 p.m. on the same day as the monthly chapter meeting.

Banquet Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Banquet Committee meetings are held at the home of Randy and Pat Buchanan at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Fund Raising Banquet

The banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn in downtown Johnstown Saturday, March 24, 2012. Tickets will be available in January.

Winter Fly Tying Courses

The listings here are tentative. A Saturday course will be held on January 7, 14, 21, and 28, as well as February 4, 2012. A Monday course will be held on January 16, 23, and 30, as well as February 6, 13, and 20. Saturday courses begin at 9:00 a.m. and Monday night courses begin at 6:30 p.m. Interested persons may register at the front desk at Gander Mountain. The cost of the course is twenty dollars, payable at the first session.